

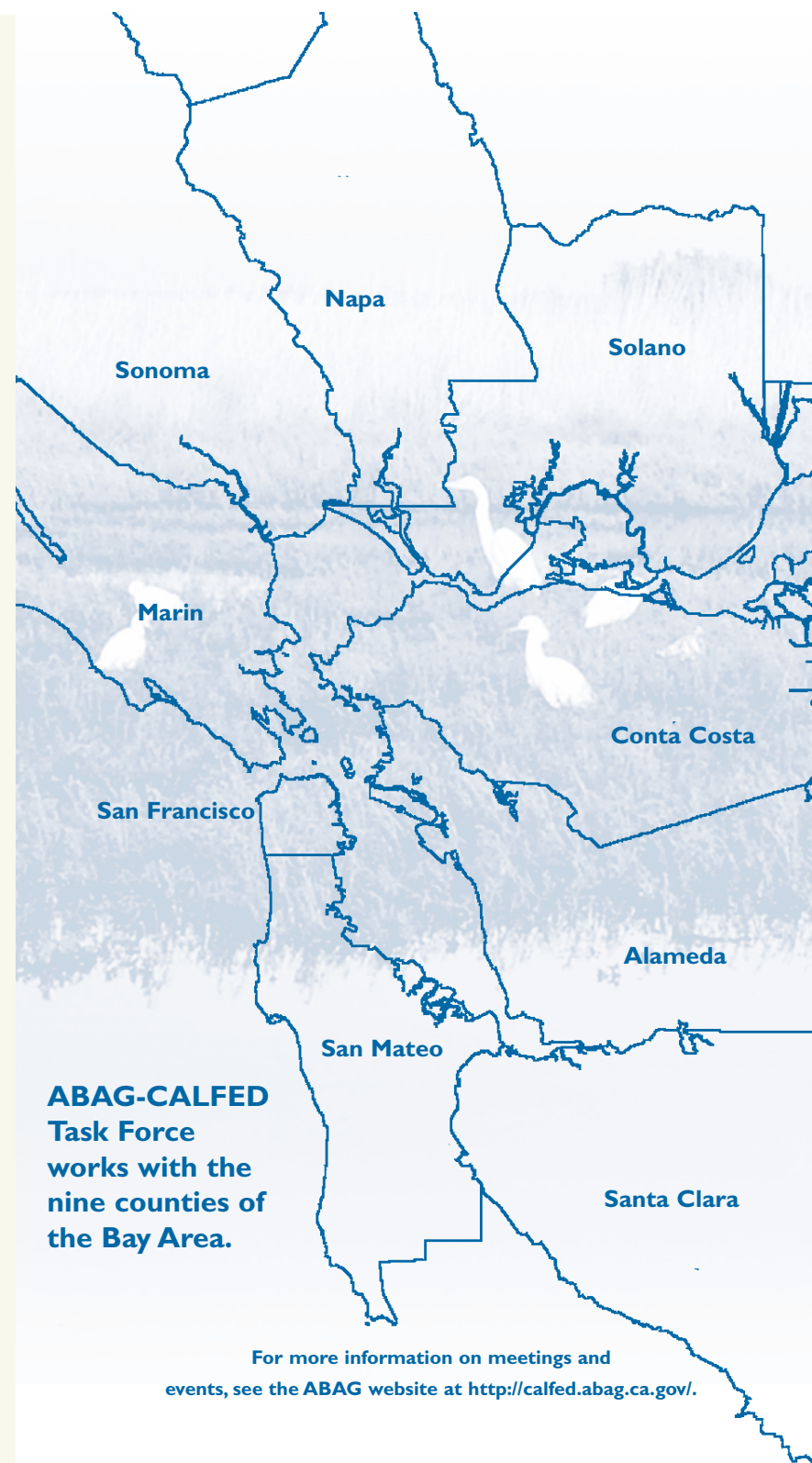
The **ABAG-CALFED Task Force** works in coordination with the state and federal **CALFED Bay-Delta Program**.

The **CALFED Bay-Delta Program** began in 1995 and has served as a forum through which twenty-three federal and state agencies with regulatory or management responsibility for some aspect of the Bay-Delta coordinate their actions and evaluate their progress. Management and planning for the complex Bay-Delta requires intricate coordination among local governments, water districts, the public, and state and federal agencies.



The **ABAG-CALFED Task Force** is the most active regional body of its kind in California and is comprised of directors from Bay Area water agencies, local government elected officials, and non-voting members from environmental organizations around the Bay. The 28-member Task Force is charged with:

- restoring and maintaining a healthy San Francisco Bay.
- protecting the legitimate interests of Bay Area communities.
- providing most importantly a unified Bay Area voice for elements of the CALFED Program helping implement the 2000 Record of Decision.
- assisting coordination of existing planning efforts of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development and others with water supply directions developed by CALFED.



For more information on meetings and events, see the **ABAG** website at <http://calfed.abag.ca.gov/>.

ABAG-CALFED Task Force

Addresses Bay-Delta Challenges

 Association of Bay Area Governments

Overview

Bay-Delta Region

The Association of Bay Area Governments' **ABAG-CALFED Task Force** engages Bay Area water agencies, local government representatives, environmental groups, and the general public to address how conservation and management of the Bay-Delta will help sustain the Bay Area's growing population and demands on the water system. This is no small task, since the Bay-Delta encompasses over 100 water districts from Santa Clara County to Yolo County, contains approximately 1,600 square miles of water, and is home to 130 fish species and one million shorebirds.

The Bay-Delta watershed is comprised of a mixture of waters from creeks and rivers, to brackish delta waters, and the world famous San Francisco Bay. The watershed provides drinking water to 20 million Californians, and irrigation for 4.5 million acres of farmland. Bay-Delta waters allow residents, scientists, and travelers to pursue research, fishing, hunting, recreation, and commerce.

These are just a few of the reasons the ABAG-CALFED Task Force has assumed responsibility for helping with the challenging state and federal role of improving the water supply, quality, reliability, and environmental protection in the Bay and Delta.

ABAG-CALFED Task Force

When the ABAG Executive Board voted to establish the ABAG-CALFED Task Force in November 2000, the board wanted to ensure that local governments have a voice in the state and federal CALFED Bay-Delta Program and contribute a valuable regional perspective.



The Task Force and its sub-committees hold regular public meetings at the ABAG offices. All ABAG-CALFED Task Force Sub-committee meetings are open to the public, and meeting materials will be on file at the ABAG/Metropolitan Transportation Commission library located at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.



Subcommittees

To meet the objectives of the ABAG-CALFED Task Force, there are three Task Force Subcommittees that focus on specific challenges:

Legislative Governance Sub-Committee

The Legislative Governance Sub-Committee monitors state and federal legislation relevant to CALFED and promotes legislation that is consistent with Task Force objectives. This Sub-Committee ensures that local government and the San Francisco Bay region have a voice in the CALFED process.

Ecosystem Restoration Sub-Committee

The Ecosystem Restoration Sub-Committee promotes the environmental objectives of the Task Force by working with the San Francisco Estuary Project--providing oversight for the Bay Area on the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Project, and bringing recommendations and actions back to the Task Force for possible adoption.

Water Management Sub-Committee

The Water Management Sub-Committee promotes research, education, planning, and information exchanges among water agencies, local governments, planning professionals, and the public to enhance regional water management.